

**FEBRUARY 2026**

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

### **HONORARY MEMBER KEVIN LANE.**

We were sadly informed by his wife Vicki that Honorary member Kevin Lane passed away on 27th January 2026 aged 80 years.

Kevin would be well known and respected by many members from his time in NSW during his ANZ career, Honorary member David Harris advised he had been very close friends with Kevin for over 60 years and Honorary member Karl Mizens said he knew Kevin in Sydney, and they played rugby league for the Bank team.

I know he worked for Mercantile Credits and then Esanda when they took over Mercantile Credits.

Later he ran a newsagency in Tamworth until he retired.

Not long ago he moved to Manly in QLD to be closer to his two daughters who were in QLD.

Vicki advised: -

Dear Graeme,

With great sadness I am advising that my husband Kevin Lane died on 27th January 2026.

On 10th January Kevin was rushed to hospital with possible stroke symptoms. Not a stroke, but CT and MRI scans picked up a massive LYMPHOMA mass in his neck. Subsequent whole-body scans revealed more Lymphoma tumours.

Haematology doctors said the Lymphoma was very aggressive and probably wouldn't respond to treatment. The family decided to allow doctors to give Kevin a first round of chemo. Unfortunately, he did not respond well to the treatment. Pain relief allowed Kevin to pass away peacefully surrounded by his family.

We are still shell shocked by the quick progression of this cancer!! The only consolation is that Kevin only had a short time to endure the pain and suffering.

### **FUNERAL DETAILS**

Friday 6th February 2026

@ 11.30am (Qld time)

St John Vianney's Catholic Church

114 Ernest St

Manly Brisbane Qld

Note the service was not live streamed.

A private cremation will be held by the family at a later date.

Kevin turned 80 last October and the family will be able to remember the fun filled 80th birthday party. Kevin thoroughly enjoyed himself!!

Regards,  
Vicki Lane

Sincere condolences to Kevin's wife Vicki & all his family at this very sad time.

RIP Kevin



## **HONORARY MEMBER FRANK BLINMAN.**

We were sadly informed by his son Brett that our Honorary member Frank Blinman passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 aged 94 years.

Dear Graeme,

I write to inform you that my father Frank Blinman passed away on January 1st, 2026, aged 94 years.

Brett said: -

I would like to thank you for all the work you do with ANZROC as it brought countless hours of joy to my father.

Frank had a very long and distinguished career with the ANZ bank and would be well known by many retired officers who either worked with him or knew him during his banking career. His last three posts were as the Manager at Bexley North, Bondi Beach, and Kogarah.

Frank is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. His wife, Betty, passed away in 2017.

I hope this email finds you well and again thank you for all of your hard work.

Regards,

Brett Blinman (Frank's eldest son)

Sincere condolences to all of Frank's family at this very sad time.

RIP Frank.



## **HONORARY MEMBER JUDITH WILLIS.**

We were very sadly advised by her daughter Carolyn that our Honorary member Judith Willis passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 a few weeks from her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 28 February 2026.

Carolyn said: -

Dear All.

It is with sadness I am writing to tell you that mum passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 3rd of February 2026, just a few weeks off her 91st birthday. We are not holding a funeral service as mum donated herself to the university medical research department. Thank you all for your friendship and kindness towards mum and our family throughout her life.

Best regards

Carolyn, Stuart, Tim, and our families.

Club Welfare Officer Terry Auld mentioned his contact with Judith for her birthday over the last few years and said that he always had a lovely conversation with her and she was a lovely lady.

Judith's husband Kenneth who was also an ANZ Officer predeceased her.

Sincere condolences to all Judith's family at this sad time.

RIP Judith.



## HONORARY MEMBER BRIAN BEYNON

We were sadly informed by his wife Eileen that our Honorary member Brian Beynon had passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 aged 88 just short of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 19 March 2026.

Brian would be remembered and respected by retired ANZ Officers who either worked with or knew him during his long ANZ service.

Life Member & Hon Ken Dighton said: -

I first came across Brian at Esanda in Pitt and Hunter Sts (around 1984 I believe) and continued working with or near him in Esanda (North Sydney, Parramatta) until he succumbed to redundancy when one of the several restructures took place. Unfortunately, I had to deliver the redundancy decision, and it was a difficult thing to do because he was a very nice person. In a quiet moment later he said the timing of his leaving ANZ suited him, which was a relief to me.

He used to talk about his time at ANZ Maitland back in the 1950's with Earle Cochrane and their involvement in cricket. As a lot of people would know, Earle was a very handy cricketer (and an average table tennis player!!!)

I got the impression that Brian was in awe of Earle's ability, although he always downplayed his own efforts in the game.

Brian was heavily involved in community organisations (including his Church and Lions) - a well-respected man, and a gentleman. RIP Brian.

Brian's funeral service was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in Coffs Harbour.

Sincere condolences to his wife Eileen and all family at this very sad time.

RIP Brian.

